

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting September 19, 2019
Charles S. Callman Courthouse**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

2. Pledge of Alliance

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Council President Laura Atwell, Mrs. Laura Tooker, Mr. Steven Peterson and Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice

Absent: Mr. Ross Millhiser and Mr. Jon Carras

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2019 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

4. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting was made Vice Chairman Clark and seconded by Council President Atwell. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on Borough Website.

5. Chairman Report

Chairman Shay reported that all of the ordered HPC historic plaques have been received by the Borough. Residents have been notified by email and are in the process of picking them up at Borough Hall. Residents have provided very positive feedback on both the plaques and the program.

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission are collaborating with the Shade Tree Commission to register a Ginkgo tree on Rumson Road owned by Mrs. Kendall. The Shade Tree Commission is in the process of submitting paperwork to the State in order to register the tree as a Champion specimen.

Chairman Shay confirmed that he is working with the Borough to stagger the term limits of Commission members.

Mr. Fitzmaurice was asked to look at door on a Woodmere Avenue residence at the residents' request to confirm architectural provenance, if possible. Mr. Fitzmaurice will visit 146 Ave of Two Rivers to confirm that the structure should be added to the HPC Inventory.

6. Liaison Report

Vice Chairman Clark reported that the Zoning Board in the past month has issued one permit to raze 18 Center Street, which is on the HPC Inventory, but not considered significant.

7. Sub Committee Updates

- Website Updates:
 - New property updates to the inventory have been uploaded to the web site – Complete
 - Mr. Fitzmaurice to finalize comments on added properties and send to Vice Chairman Clark - Complete
 - Updates to narrated tours – In process
- Continue to add Rumson history material to website – In process
- Add style overlays to Glossary photos – In process
 - Mr. Fitzmaurice to work with Mr. Day to add style overlays
- Explore with Deane-Porter and Forrestdale schools an opportunity to restore a Rumson History curriculum – Complete
 - A Rumson history unit is to be included in the 4th grade Forrestdale curriculum
- “At Risk” properties – No updates
- Complete the reorganization of the George Moss History Room – Ongoing
 - Final stages of opening the George Moss History Room to the public are underway.
 - Council President Atwell to email the Borough Administrator with a list of tasks required for opening.
 - Tentative opening schedule will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 from 10 AM to 2 PM by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling Borough Hall a day in advance. Either a member of the HPC Commission or Borough employee must be present during any library openings.
 - No items are to be removed from the room.
 - Historic display case in the Borough Hall Lobby will be changed to a new theme in the Fall.
- Rumson Road Street Light Project – Complete mid-2019 and submit to Borough for consideration – Complete

- Vice Chairman Clark met with the Borough Administrator
 - Street Light project may be incorporated at the time the lighting for the new Sea Bright Bridge is under consideration.
- Implement plaque program for property owners on HPC Inventory - Complete
- HPC Award Program – Complete
 - Previous winners in 2017 and 2018 were presented with the bronze plaques for their homes.
- Communication with Residents
 - November Borough Newsletter will include the 2019 HPC award presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Austin at 39 First Street
 - October Journal will include an article and photo for 2019 HPC award recipient
- Communication with other HPC groups – Ongoing

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Charles S. Callman Courthouse at 6:00 PM

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 after a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice and seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Tooker, Secretary